

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 274

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonilla

February 11, 2013

An act relating to child care and development services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 274, as introduced, Bonilla. Child care and development services: alternative payment programs.

The Child Care and Development Services Act, administered by the State Department of Education, provides that children up to 13 years of age are eligible, with certain requirements, for child care and development services. The act requires the department to contract with local contracting agencies to provide for alternative payment programs, and authorizes alternative payment programs for services provided in licensed centers and family day care homes and for other types of programs that conform to applicable law.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would simplify the documentation that child care providers are required to submit to alternative payment programs, authorize alternative payment programs to use technology that would maximize service to clients and increase efficiency, and request the Controller to pay child care contractors via direct deposit with electronic funds transfers.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
2 legislation that would do all of the following:
- 3 (a) Simplify the documentation that child care providers are
4 required to submit to alternative payment programs, such as billing
5 sheets, attendance records, invoices, or other documentation of
6 certified need and hours of care provided.
- 7 (b) Authorize alternative payment programs to use technology
8 that would maximize service to clients and increase efficiency,
9 including, but not limited to, the following:
- 10 (1) Electronic signatures.
11 (2) Paperless storage of documents.
12 (3) Direct payments to providers.
13 (4) Electronic communication to providers and parents.
- 14 (c) Request the Controller to pay child care contractors via direct
15 deposit with electronic funds transfers.